notification for setting up of Family Courts.

Statement

Family Courts set up in different States/ UTs

UTTAR PRADESH	16
ASSAM	1
MANIPUR	1
ORISSA	2
BIHAR	2
TAMIL NADU	5
KERALA	5
MAHARASHTRA	13
RAJASTHAN	5
ANDHRA PRADESH	6
KARNATAKA	4
PONDICHERRY	1
TOTAL:	61

Countribution of Medical Research Organisation Like NICD and ICMR to Public Health

1182. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to marge NICD, ICMR and other research organisations;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) if not, whether it is a fact that contribution to public health from these bodies has been less than desirable;

(d) steps proposed to set clear objectives for public Health;

(e) what measures are proposed to strengthan NICD;

(f) whether adequate budget has not been provided to NICD; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal.

(c) to (g) Significant contributions in disease eradication/control have been made by ICMR and NICD through technical assistance to health care agencies in the States/UTs. Intensification of disease surveillance activities, networking of various laboratories and upgrading of the National Institute of Communicable Diseases are among the measures which arc envisaged to give promonence to public health. Proposals for providing resources for these measures are included in the preparations for the Ninth Plan.

Writing Down of Government Equity by Dena Bank and Bank of India

1183. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dena Bank and Bank of India have written down the equity of Government to the extent of accumulated losses;

(b) whether losses transferred to the capital by these banks, represent actual losses or losses caused by provisions made for NPAS;

(c) whether amounts subsequently recovered from NPAS for which provisions have been made, will be transferred back to the equity of Government; and

(d) the details of (i) amounts written down; (ii) actual losses out of provisions; (iii) provisions held; (iv) recoveries of NPAS by the above two banks during the period 1991-92 to 1995-%?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Both Dena Bank and Bank of India have made operating profits during the period between 1992-93 and 1995-96. The net losses reported by these banks for the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 are on account of provisions for NPAS as well as depreciation in investments and other provisions/contingencies.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

(d) (i) The amounts of losses written down against capital by Dena Bank and Bank of India during 1995-96 have been Rs. 136.29 Crores and 1369.92 crores respectively.

RBI data monitoring system docs not generate information in respect of (ii) & (iii).

(iv) The recovery of NPAs by Bank of India and Dena Bank during 1993-94 to 1995-96 have been as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Bank of India	301.00	325.00	354.00
Dena Bank	65.91	12.00	69.80

Proposal for Setting up A Tourism Promotion Board

1184. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Tourism Promiton Board for promotion of tourism;

(b) if so. the composition of the members of the proposed Tourism Promotion Board;

(c) whether Government propose to have private sector investment in the promotion of toursm; and

(d) if so. the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURSIM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to set up a Tourism Promotion Board. However, it is proposed to set up a "Board of Tourism Industry and Trade" with the Minister for Tourism as Chairman and Ministers of other concerned Ministries and State Governments as well as representatives of Industry Associations as members to oversee the implementation of the strategy for tourism development

(c) to (d) To encourage private sector investment in Tourism, the Government of India grants incentives such as interest subsidy on loans to one, two and three star hotels located outside four metropolition cities, income tax concessions on foreign exchange earnings, concessional import duties etc. An Investment Facilitation Cell has also been set up to provide facilitation services to entrepreneurs.

Annual Conference of Income Tax Chief Commissioners and Director Generals

1185. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two day annual conference of Income Tax Chief Commissioners and Director Generals had been held at New Delhi on 13th November. 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are some objectives for holding such a conference;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some suggestions/decisions were given/taken in the conference; and

(f) if so, the details thereof with steps to be taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An all India Conference of Chief Commissioners and Directors General of Income-tax was held in New